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Ceiling Price Adjustments For Early-Season Vegetables

An order under which canners will establish ceiling prices on certain early-season vegetables — asparagus, snap beans in the southern area, spinach, and all other greens—was signed May 24 by Price Stabilizer Michael V. DiSalle.

However, because of administrative procedure generally requiring several days, the order has not yet been formally issued, and copies will not be available until next week. It is expected that the order will be published in the *Federal Register* of May 31, to take effect on that date.

The order is comparable to OPA's MPR 152. However, it provides varying percentage markups for the different products in different areas.

Copies of the order will be mailed to members as soon as they are available.

Can Costs under CPR 22

By Amendment 4 to CPR 22, metal containers have been added to the list of commodities in Appendix B for which the change in net cost up to March 15, 1951, may be calculated by food processors under CPR 22. Amendment 4 was issued by OPS May 25.

Amendment 4 extends the cut-off date for increased costs of metal containers from December 31, 1950, to March 15 of this year to correspond with the glass container cut-off date.

Set-Aside Order on Fruits

Sub-Order 2 to Defense Food Order 2, establishing the amount of the 1951 canned fruit pack which must be set aside for government use, was issued this week by the Production and Marketing Administration, USDA. The order is effective May 26.

DFO 2, announced April 21, authorized and provided for set-asides of processed fruits and vegetables for defense use. Sub-Order 1 established the amount of canned vegetables from the 1951 pack to be set aside and reserved for the government.

Under terms of Sub-Order 2, each fruit canner will report his "base pack," and PMA will compute the amount of each commodity to be set aside. The order prescribes the "base period" for each fruit product.

Total set-aside requirements amount to approximately 16 percent of the "base period" packs of the fruits covered under the order.

In the course of his 1951 production, each canner is required to set aside one-half of his set-aside quota for each commodity by the date on which the pack of that commodity is 40 percent completed; and to set aside and reserve the full quota by the date on which the pack is 80 percent completed.

The text of DFO-2 was reproduced and distributed as a Supplement to the INFORMATION LETTER of April 21. The text of Sub-Order 2 is being mailed to members as a Supplement to this issue of the LETTER.

Canned fruit set-aside percentages and the "base pack period" against which they are to be applied are:

Fruit	Set-Aside (percentage)	Base Pack Period
Apples	24	1950–51
Apricots	26	1950
Blackberries	28	1949
Blueberries	10	1949
Cherries, RSP	25	1950
Cherries, sweet	27	1950
Figs, Kadota	41	1950
Fruit cocktail	14	1950
Peaches	15	1950
Pears, Bartlett	14	1950
Pineapple	13	1950–51
Pineapple juice	12	1950–51
Purple plums	26	1949

Control Programs Studied At N.C.A. Meetings

The Board of Directors, Administrative Council, War Mobilization Committee and Legislative Committee gave consideration to the various control programs during meetings this week at Association headquarters.

Speakers on the two program sessions of the mid-year Board meeting were George Mehren, Assistant Director, Food and Restaurant Division, Office of Price Stabilization; Lt. Col. W. F. Durbin, Chief of the Subsistence Branch, Supply Division, Office of the Quartermaster General; S. R. Smith, Director, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture; and Eric Johnston, Administrator, the Economic Stabilization Agency. All spoke off the record.

Association business occupied the Directors on Friday and meetings of the Labeling and Statistics Committees were held Thursday. Actions taken will be reported in next week's issue of the INFORMATION LETTER.

Effective Date of CPR 22 Postponed until July 2

The deadline for filing reports under the General Manufacturers Ceiling Price Regulation, CPR 22, will be extended until July 2, it has been announced by the Office of Price Stabilization.

It was emphasized, however, that no further extension would be considered on this order, and manufacturers covered were warned to submit their reports as quickly as possible so that they might be able to start pricing under the new regulation.

The extension order, which will be issued immediately, OPS said, provides that manufacturers who file reports under CPR 22 have the option to start using new ceilings May 28. However, no price increase can be put into effect until 15 days after filing with OPS.

Under the orders, it is anticipated that some manufacturers will be permitted increases, while others will be forced to roll prices back, according to the OPS announcement.

STATISTICS

Canned Fruit and Vegetable Stocks and Shipments

Reports on canners' stocks and shipments of canned apricots, RSP cherries, sweet cherries, peaches, pears, green and wax beans, corn, peas, tomatoes, and tomato juice have been compiled by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics, and detailed reports have been mailed to all canners packing these items.

Canned Apricot Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(cases—basis 24/2½'s)	
Carryover, June 1	1,522,000	540,000
Pack	2,375,000	3,661,000
Total supply	3,897,000	4,201,000
Stocks, May 1	740,000	217,000
Shipments during April	214,000	123,000
Shipments, June 1 to May 1	3,157,000	3,984,000

RSP Cherry Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(actual cases)	
Carryover, July 1		50,332
Pack	3,445,323	5,022,951
Total supply	3,445,323	5,053,283
Stocks, May 1	276,891	173,903
Shipments during April	155,505	256,030
Shipments, July 1 to May 1	3,168,432	4,879,380

Sweet Cherry Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(cases—basis 24/2½'s)	
Carryover, June 1	65,000	316,000
Pack	1,678,000	741,000
Total supply	1,743,000	1,057,000
Stocks, May 1	414,000	104,000
Shipments during April	75,000	41,000
Shipments, June 1 to May 1	1,329,000	953,000

Canned Peach Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(cases—basis 24/2½'s)	
Carryover, June 1	3,518,000	2,542,000
Pack	19,134,000	16,605,000
Total supply	22,652,000	19,147,000
Stocks, May 1	4,291,000	1,188,000
Shipments during April	2,515,000	493,000
Shipments, June 1 to May 1	18,361,000	17,959,000

Canned Pear Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(cases—basis 24/2½'s)	
Carryover, June 1	788,000	597,000
Pack	5,904,000	6,370,000
Total supply	6,692,000	6,967,000
Stocks, May 1	1,059,000	1,002,000
Shipments during April	517,000	342,000
Shipments, June 1 to May 1	5,633,000	5,965,000

Green and Wax Beans Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(actual cases)	
Carryover, July 1	329,081	1,619,626
Pack	19,302,855	20,213,355
Total supply	19,631,886	21,832,981
Stocks, May 1	3,198,267	3,036,163
Shipments during April	824,931	1,359,235
Shipments, July 1 to May 1	16,433,619	18,796,818

Canned Corn Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(actual cases)	
Carryover, Aug. 1	4,112,712	6,466,680
Pack	33,138,318	21,645,243
Total supply	37,251,030	28,111,923
Stocks, May 1	12,485,023	2,830,814
Shipments during April	2,210,059	1,684,200
Shipments, August 1 to May 1	24,766,007	25,281,109

Canned Peas Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(actual cases)	
Carryover, June 1	4,985,141	2,141,400
Pack	24,944,874	32,725,536
Total supply	29,930,015	34,866,936
Stocks, May 1	3,268,079	2,298,400
Shipments during April	1,409,596	1,171,844
Shipments, June 1 to May 1	26,661,936	32,568,536

Canned Tomato Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(actual cases)	
Carryover, July 1	2,718,555	1,868,427
Pack	18,873,672	18,724,350
Total supply	21,592,227	20,592,777
Stocks, May 1	3,539,576	287,703
Shipments during April	1,074,863	298,003
Shipments, July 1 to May 1	18,052,651	20,305,074

Tomato Juice Stocks and Shipments

	1949–50	1950–51
	(actual cases)	
Carryover, July 1	5,740,779	3,004,135
Pack	20,559,673	22,740,658
Total supply	26,300,452	25,744,793
Stocks, May 1	6,835,222	3,042,309
Shipments during April	1,226,168	865,862
Shipments, July 1 to May 1	19,465,230	22,702,484

Canned Baby Food Stocks

Details of the canned baby food supply, stock and shipment situation are reported by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics as follows:

	1950	1951
	(thousands of dozens)	
Canner stocks, Jan. 1	55,341	62,453
Pack, Jan. through April	32,572	38,798
Supply	87,913	101,251
Canner stocks, May 1	46,429	58,375
Canner shipments, April	10,162	9,194
Canner shipments, Jan. through April 1	41,484	42,876

Georgia Pimiento Acreage

The prospective 1951 acreage of pimientos for processing in Georgia is 26,000 acres, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. While this is 19 percent less than the record figure of 32,000 acres planted in 1950, it is still nearly double the 1940-49 average plantings of 13,130 acres.

The reduction in acreage compared with last year is attributed to a shift, by growers, to cotton; and to dry weather, which has been delaying the setting of the plants in the fields.

1950 Pack of Okra

A report on the 1950 pack of canned okra has been compiled by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics, as follows:

Style of Pack	1949	1950
	(actual cases)	
Whole okra	55,443	41,961
Cut okra	131,918	261,031
Okra and tomatoes	223,050	250,940
U. S. Total	410,411	553,932

Green Peas for Processing

The 1951 acreage of green peas for processing, planted or to be planted, is reported at 479,040 acres, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Of the 1951 plantings, 122,340 acres will be grown for freezing and 356,700 acres for canning and other processing. The 1951 acreage for freezing is 14 percent larger than that for 1950 and the prospective acreage for canning and other processing is 8 percent larger than that for last year.

The 1951 acreage of sweet wrinkled varieties is estimated at 373,078 acres, or 78 percent of the total.

State	1951 Preliminary (acres)
Maine	9,400
New York	33,000
New Jersey	3,240
Pennsylvania	14,300
Ohio	3,300
Indiana	4,700
Illinois	28,500
Michigan	6,000
Wisconsin	134,000
Minnesota	59,400
Iowa	4,700
Delaware	2,500
Maryland	7,600
Virginia	2,100
Idaho	12,000
Colorado	4,100
Utah	9,540
Washington	66,200
Oregon	59,500
California	10,870
Other states [1]	5,790
U. S. Total	479,040
For freezing	122,340
For canning and other processing	356,700

[1] Ark., Ga., Kans., Mo., Mont., Nebr., Okla., Tenn., Tex., W. Va., and Wyo.

Poultry Canned in March

The quantity of poultry canned or used in canning during the first three months of this year has exceeded the quantities used during each of the same months of last year, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The quantities used in canning totaled 17,379,000 pounds in January, 14,370,000 pounds in February, and 17,425,000 pounds in March.

PUBLICITY

Woman's Day Magazine

The May issue of *Woman's Day* magazine has an article "16 Spaghetti Sauces," by Charlotte Scripture which features many canned foods.

An interesting feature of the monthly recipe section is that the cost of each recipe is given. Costs are based on prices in large supermarkets throughout the United States as the magazine goes to press. The spaghetti sauce cost varied from a low of 16 cents for a 6-serving recipe for tomato juice sauce, to a high of $1.42 for a 6-serving recipe for tomato sauce with meat balls.

Canned foods in the 16 inexpensive recipes include tomatoes, tomato paste, tomato sauce, tomato soup, tomato juice, minced clams, tuna, anchovy fillets, chick peas and mushrooms.

Woman's Home Companion

"Team a hot soup with a cold sandwich or a deliciously chilled soup with a piping hot one; either combination will give you a satisfying and nourishing lunch or supper," says Annabel Post in the June issue of *Woman's Home Companion* magazine.

In the page and a half article "Some Serve It Hot, Some Serve It Cold," she combines tomato juice and beef noodle soup, vegetable and pea soups, cream of asparagus and chicken rice soups, cream of celery and tomato soups, cream of chicken and cream of mushroom soups, and black bean soup and lemon juice. The canned soup combinations are teamed with hearty meat, cheese, tuna and peanut butter sandwiches. Color photographs illustrate the article.

Everywoman's Magazine

The May issue of *Everywoman's*, a five-cent magazine distributed in grocery stores, carries two articles of interest to the canning industry.

"Tuna Tonight?" says: "Rich, flavorful tuna fish, packed in handy cans, is now available in plentiful supply. For budget watchers, and who isn't, a can of tuna can be stretched to make an excellent dish for an extra guest. Serve it right from the can with a squeeze of lemon juice or tart French dressing and crisp lettuce; in a salad with celery, hard cooked eggs, and mayonnaise; or as a hot dish——. Canned tuna is available either in a solid pack of white or light meat tuna, in large pieces, or in a grated form." Eight interesting tuna recipes are given in the article.

Another article, "Breakfast—For Those Who Sleep Late and For Those Who Get Up," says: "These days when the grocers' shelves are stocked with packaged and canned foods for faster preparation, you can have a good breakfast in no time." Canned fruits and juices and canned fish and meats are listed among the foods that make breakfast-getting easier as well as fun.

DEFENSE

MRO Amendment

NPA Reg. 4, under which canners may use a DO-97 rating to obtain maintenance, repair and operating supplies was amended May 22 to increase by 20 percent the dollar value of such MRO materials which can be purchased during the year.

The MRO quotas are now 120 percent of 1950 expenditures for maintenance, repair and operating supplies. The standard quarterly quota is one-fourth of 120 percent. The seasonal quota, which canners may elect to use, is retained at 120 percent of the expenditures by the canner for MRO in the corresponding quarter of his base period.

Under the MRO system, canners should not apply to NPA for a DO-97 rating but should assign it to themselves, by writing on their purchase order or on a piece of paper attached to the purchase order "DO-97" together with the words "certified under NPA Reg. 4."

The DO-97 may not be applied to obtain in any quarter materials for minor capital additions exceeding 10 percent of the firm's MRO quota for such quarter, or $750, whichever is greater.

A canner operating more than one plant and having separate records for each now have the option of determining MRO quotas for each plant or for the organization as a whole.

Text of NPA Reg. 4 was distributed to members as a Supplement to the INFORMATION LETTER of February 28. Previous amendments have been reported in the issues of April 21, page 176, and May 5, page 190.

PERSONNEL

American Can Co. Officers

The American Can Company announces the election of new vice presidents and the elevation of two vice presidents to new executive responsibilities.

T. E. Alwyn, general manager of sales, has been elected vice president in charge of sales.

R. F. Hepenstal, former assistant general manager of manufacture, has been elected vice president in charge of manufacture.

L. W. Graaskamp and R. C. Taylor, vice presidents in charge of sales and manufacture, respectively, have been assigned to broader responsibilities. Both will work directly with the principal executive officers in the over-all administration of the company.

PROCUREMENT

QMC Field Buyers

The Oakland Quartermaster Purchasing Office will open four field buying offices June 1, to be located and staffed as follows:

George R. Doran, Bldg. 125, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah

Lawrence Landecker, Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Wash.

David T. Peek, QM Market Center, 1206 Santee St., Los Angeles, Calif.

James A. Sheahan, 2nd Ave. and Yesler Sts., Seattle Port of Embarkation, Seattle, Wash.

In addition, five field buyers are operating out of the Oakland QMPO. They are J. J. Ambrose, M. E. Boling, G. E. Crabtree, R. B. Howard, and R. A. Parker.

Invitations for Bids

Quartermaster Purchasing Offices—111 East 16th Street, New York 3, N. Y.; 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago 9, Ill.; Oakland Army Base, Oakland 14, Calif.

Veterans Administration—Procurement Division, Veterans Administration, Wash. 25, D. C.

The Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act will apply to all operations performed after the date of notice of award if the total value of a contract is $10,000 or over.

The Veterans Administration has invited sealed bids to furnish the following:

MINCEMEAT—1,350 dozen No. 10 cans (Grade A), f.o.b. destination. Bids due under S-256 by June 6.

Forthcoming Meetings

June 3-4—Michigan Canners Association, Spring Meeting, Park Place Hotel, Traverse City

June 12-13—Maine Canners Association, Summer Meeting, Lakewood, near Skowhegan

June 27-29—National Pickle Packers Association, Midyear Meeting, Sheraton Hotel, Chicago

July 18-27—Indiana Canners Association, Annual Mold Count School, Purdue University, Lafayette

August 1-10—Association of New York State Canners, Inc., 14th Annual Mold Count School, Jordan Hall, Geneva Experiment Station, Geneva

October 24-26—National Pickle Packers Association, Annual Meeting, Sheraton Hotel, Chicago

October 25-27—Florida Canners Association, 20th Annual Convention, Palm Beach Biltmore Hotel, Palm Beach

November 12-13—Wisconsin Canners Association, 46th Annual Convention, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee

November 15-16—Indiana Canners Association, Annual Convention, French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick Springs

November 19-20—Pennsylvania Canners Association, Annual Convention, Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg

November 26-27—Michigan Canners Association, Fall Meeting, Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids

November 29-30—Tri-State Packers Association, 48th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

December 6-7—Association of New York State Canners, Inc., 66th Annual Convention, Hotel Statler, Buffalo

SUPPLIES

Shipments of Metal Cans

Shipments of metal cans for selected food products during the first quarter of 1951, with comparisons with 1950, are reported by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, as follows:

	Jan. through March	
	1950	1951
	(in short tons of steel)	
Fruit and vegetable (including juice)	140,757	163,261
Fish and seafood	13,595	16,541
Meat, including poultry	30,214	42,910

STANDARDS

Grades for Sweet Potatoes

Notice is given in the *Federal Register* of May 12 that the Production and Marketing Administration, USDA, proposes to issue U. S. standards for sweet potatoes for canning. The proposed standards were published in that issue.

PROCESSING

Spinach Processes Increased

As a result of studies conducted over the past three years, the N.C.A. Processing Committee on Foods in Metal Containers has adopted the following processes to replace those presently listed for No. 2 and smaller cans of "Spinach or other greens" on page 36 of Bulletin 26-L "Processes for Low-Acid Canned Foods in Metal Containers." The studies on heat resistance and rate of heat penetration have revealed that the presently suggested processes do not meet the minimum requirement of destruction of organisms which may be detrimental to health.

Drained weight and net weight are of determining importance with spinach and other greens and must be controlled to ensure that the retort process will carry the intended sterilizing efficiency. The maximum drained weights listed below cannot be safely exceeded, and the net weight of contents should be at least that listed for the respective can sizes. In view of these considerations, spinach packers are urged to use the following processes:

Increased Processes for Spinach or Other Greens

(to replace those presently recommended in the 7th Edition of Bulletin 26-L)

Can name	Dimensions	Retort temperature	Initial temperature	Time	Maximum drained weight	Minimum net weight
		Deg. F.	*Deg. F.*	*Min.*	*Oz.*	*Oz.*
8Z Tall	211x304	252	100	48	6.25	7.75
			120	47		
			140	45		
No. 1 (Picnic)	211x400	252	100	48	8.0	10
			120	47		
			140	45		
No. 300	300x407	252	100	55	10.5	13.5
			120	53		
			140	50		
No. 1 Tall	301x411	252	100	55	11.5	15
			120	53		
			140	50		
303	303x406	252	100	60	11.7	15.2
			120	58		
			140	55		
No. 2	307x409	252	100	60	14.5	18
			120	58		
			140	55		

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